



**CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**  
**OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS**  
**TEAM KENTUCKY MEDICAL CANNABIS WORKGROUP**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 30, 2025, MEETING**

**I. WELCOME**

The regular meeting of the Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Workgroup was called to order by Cannon Armstrong, Incoming Executive Director of the Office of Medical Cannabis, on April 30, 2025, at approximately 3:05 P.M.

**Workgroup Members Present:**

Cannon Armstrong, Proxy for Eric Friedlander  
Jamie Link  
Jeff Noel  
Phillip Burnett  
Marni Gibson  
Dorsey Ridley  
Julie Cantwell  
Michael Muller

**Workgroup Members not Present:**

Tom Miller  
Ashton McKenzie  
Ashley Smith  
Jonathan Hatton

**Additional Attendees:**

Cannon Armstrong, Executive Director, Office of Medical Cannabis  
Shelby Lewis, Executive Policy Advisor, Office of Medical Cannabis  
Kaysha Stoner, Program Coordinator, Office of Medical Cannabis  
Members of the Public

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

The Workgroup voted on the approval of the January 22, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Mr. Link made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Cantwell seconded. The motion carried 8-0.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Report from the Executive Director**

Mr. Armstrong introduced himself as the incoming Executive Director of the Office of Medical Cannabis, effective June 1, 2025. Mr. Armstrong provided a brief summary of his professional experience, including being the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Charitable Gaming, serving as an Executive Director in the Tourism, Arts, and Heritage, and running several small businesses in Lexington, Kentucky.

Mr. Armstrong then provided a brief update on the Office, including noting that the Office itself moving to a new location in Frankfort, Kentucky. He then moved into discussing practitioners, who are spending an average of fifteen (15) minutes with patients, and how the Office will be evaluating these averages quarterly to ensure practitioners are spending an appropriate amount of time with patients.

### **b. Presentation on Office Updates**

Ms. Lewis gave a presentation with various updates from the Office, first starting with cardholder licensing. As of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, there are 423 authorized medical cannabis practitioners who have issued 13, 715 written certifications, with the most qualifying conditions of chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Ms. Lewis provided a detailed update on how to find an authorized practitioner for individuals that are interested in becoming a patient under “Find a Practitioner” which includes the practitioner directory on the Office’s website, [kymedcan@ky.gov](mailto:kymedcan@ky.gov).

Ms. Lewis then gave more detailed information regarding qualified patient application submissions. As of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 9,828 patient applications were submitted with 8,816 qualified patient applications approved within the state of Kentucky.

Ms. Lewis provided a detailed update regarding law enforcement outreach. David Gregory, the Director of Law Enforcement Outreach for the Office of Medical



Cannabis has been hosting webinars for law enforcement to help officers understand the relevant laws and regulations for medical cannabis in Kentucky.

In addition, David Gregory has been traveling across the state of Kentucky to provide updates about the medical cannabis program and what to expect when products start going on shelves. traveled to Prestonsburg webinars

**c. Other Business**

Ms. Lewis reminded the Workgroup that the next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2025.

**IV. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Cantwell asked about the patients that have received their written certifications and medical cannabis cards as early as January 2025, and if their cards could be extended due to there not being products on the shelves.

Mr. Armstrong state that the written certifications could not be extended due to the laws and regulations, but that the Office is working through options to allow the fee to apply for a medical cannabis card to be carried over or waived for those renewing their medical cannabis card.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Armstrong moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mueller seconded, and the motion carried 8-0 (approximately 3:34 P. M.).

Cannon Armstrong  
Executive Director  
Office of Medical Cannabis

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